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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 28 April 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.